

KAPPA KAPERS

President's Message by Donna Houser

Senator Pat Vance was our guest speaker at our September meeting. She informed us about proposed legislation on education including teachers' retirement and pension funds, school choice, charter and cyber schools. She opened the floor for questions, and she was surprised that teachers' biggest complaint about their job is the constant pressure to teach/prepare for the state testing requirements which has led to little or no time for teachers to be creative in teaching their curriculum. Teachers are feeling ambushed by legislation for which they had no input. The other concern is funding cuts for education which have resulted in teacher furloughs, teacher-aide lay-offs and larger classroom enrollments. Senator Vance requested that teachers e-mail her personally about their complaints and concerns. Individuals' e-mails get read; form e-mails get ignored. Please contact Senator Vance at www.senatorvance.com/contact.htm.

New member, Jan Chipriano, was initiated at our meeting. Jan has 28 years of teaching experience and is currently a 4th grade teacher at Shaul Elementary School in the Cumberland Valley School District. Jan is married to Ron Chipriano who is a retired elementary teacher from CV. They have one daughter, Abby, who will be getting married in December. Jan enjoys gardening and singing in her church choir.

Thanks to everyone who provided food for our brunch. The food was both plentiful and delicious. Our October 27 meeting will also be at Allison UMC. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall where we met in September. The October meeting will begin at 11:00 A.M and a "sub" lunch will be provided and hosted by the following committees: historical records and world fellowship. Invite a prospective member to the meeting.

Pat Crouse and I attended the Fall Area Conference in Pottsville, PA on September 22-23. About 80 Kappa sisters gathered for continuing leadership training. The main emphasis was on ways to support our early career educators (ECE) in our chapter's represented school districts and to begin making a strategic action plan (SAP) for mapping out our chapter's future.

Our Kappa projects for this biennium are: (1) collect money for Kappa Kow which will go to Project S.H.A.R.E. in Carlisle; (2) sell Bon-Ton Community Days coupon booklets to finance our Grants-in-Aid for qualified high school seniors in Kappa's representative school districts who are pursuing a teacher education degree; (3) collect items for Early Career Educators (ECE) to use in their classrooms (hi-liters, pens, pencils, paper, tape, bulletin board items, stickers, stapler, scissors, rulers, crayons, gift cards for Staples, Office Max, Office Depot, Michaels, etc.); (4) continue to support the Schools for Africa project with a \$50 Kappa contribution and adopting a school in Zimbabwe. Please support these projects. Exciting things are happening in Kappa this year. We have good programs planned, and our projects will support our local, state, national and international communities. Wonderful opportunities await each and every member if you participate. You are an important part of the big picture.



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Future Meeting Dates

- **December 9, 2012** @ 2pm, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Carlisle
"Holiday Social"
 - **March 16, 2013** @ 11am, Allison Church, Carlisle
"Ireland and Irish Food"
 - **May 18, 2013** @ 9:30am, Zion Lutheran Church, Newville
"Grant in Aid Recipients & Chapter Birthday Bash"
 - **September 17, 2013** @ 5pm, Carlisle Police Station
"Identity Theft"
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Kappa Chapter

2012-2014 Officers

President: Donna Houser
First Vice-President: Linda Wineman
Second Vice-President: Diana Mettler
Secretary: Tiffany Warner
Treasurer: Marlene Moul
Parliamentarian: Pat Crouse
Immediate Past Co-Presidents: Lillian Rowland & Mary Wilhelm

**Kappa Committee Chairmen
2012-2014 Biennium**

Membership – Diana Mettler
Nominations – Donna Houser
Finance – Mary Wilhelm
Historical Records – Pat Crouse
Ceremonies – Lillian Rowland
Communications/Newsletter/Publicity – Crystal Header
Program/Welfare/Yearbook – Linda Wineman
Personal Growth/Professional Affairs – Mary Wilhelm
Grant-in-Aid/Scholarship – Tiffany Warner
Projects – Mary Fetrow
US Forum – Lillian Rowland
Visual & Performing Arts – Marlene Moul
World Fellowship – Jean Lewis



October Meeting

When: *Saturday, October 27 at 11:00 A.M.*

Where: *Allison United Methodist Church, Carlisle, PA*

in the Fellowship Hall (Enter the side door off the parking lot and proceed down the ramp into the hall)

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Program: *History of Female Students in the Carlisle Indian School*

Presented by Kathy Snyder

Lunch: *Subs and beverages will be provided.*

Bring: *Items for Early Career Educators; cash for Kappa Kow*

Invite: *a non-member teacher to come as your guest.*

Committee Hostesses: *Historical Records (Pat Crouse, chair) and World Fellowship (Jean Lewis, chair)*

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- I will attend the October 27 meeting.
 - I will not be able to attend the October 27 meeting.
 - I will be bringing a non-member teacher guest.

NAME: _____

Please mail your registration with \$3.00 per person to:
Marlene Moul, Box 100, Plainfield, PA 17081 or RSVP to lmoul@pa.net



